

AMENDMENT OF SPECIFICATION

On page 1, above the title on line 1, insert the heading:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, above the paragraph at lines 2-4, insert the heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(1) Field of the Invention

On page 1, above the paragraph at lines 5-16, insert the heading:

(2) Description of Related Art

On page 2, above the paragraph at lines 6-7, insert the heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 5, above the paragraph at lines 9-10, insert the heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 5, above the paragraph at lines 16-23, insert the heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, delete the paragraph at lines 8-11 and insert the following paragraph:

This object is achieved by providing a lining support plate including a cast metal base plate with a support surface to receive a friction lining material and a plurality of pins which are cast into the base plate, wherein a first portion of each pin protrudes into the base plate and a second portion of each pin projects out of the support surface of the base plate to anchor the friction lining material.

Amend the paragraph on page 6, line 19, to page 7, line 2, as follows:

After the compression and/or curing of the moulding compound 7 it is rotated by 180° with the case 2 and the support plate pattern 1 along the longitudinal axis of the pattern. Then the support plate pattern 1 is removed from the moulding compound 7

in such a way that the portions of the pins 6a to 6d which project out of the support plate pattern 1 in Figure 2 remain in the moulding compound. After the support plate pattern has been removed from the moulding compound 7 it is covered with a second compressed and/or cured moulding compound. The moulding compound 7 and the second moulding compound form for a support plate casting cavity 8. The second moulding compound 7 has at least one riser and one sprue. In the support plate casting cavity 8 formed by the moulding compound 7 and the second moulding compound a melt is poured in via the sprue, whereby the portions of the pins 6a to 6d protruding into the support plate cavity 8 are surrounded by the melt. Gases located in the support plate cavity 8 and/or produced during the melting operation can escape through the riser.